

Anglican Moment

Special Intentions of the Mass

It is the custom of traditional Anglican churches to offer special intentions at Mass. Special intentions are intended to focus our prayers and efforts in the Mass on a particular need or thanksgiving, thus dedicating God's grace given in the Mass for a stated intention. For example, we might offer a Mass for the repose of the souls of our loved ones on the anniversary of their death. Or we might offer a Mass for the birthday of a parent or child. To this end, the parish will make available two types of request forms with which parishioner may request special intentions at a Mass. One card will request *A Mass for the Repose of a Soul* while the other will request *A Mass in Celebration of a Special Occasion*. Whenever you request a special Mass, a card will be mailed to whomever you request, such as the widow of a reposed friend or the person celebrating a birthday, letting them know of your special gift of a Mass celebrated in their name and for their benefit. (FYI, it is customary to make a donation to the church in the name of the person being remembered at Mass. Also, the cards are sent to the family in time for them to be present for the Mass where special intentions are offered, whenever possible.)